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Acting Secretary

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## **VARIANCE**

Pursuant to the authority granted to me by 68 Illinois Administrative Code 1175.110, I hereby grant a variance. This Variance is granted to 68 Illinois Administrative Code 1175.425 and 1175.725, which requires Cosmetologists and Estheticians to submit renewal documentation and pay certain renewal fees by the deadline of September 30, 2021. Such individuals are granted until December 31, 2021, to complete the renewal process.

This variance is granted based upon the transition, in the spring and summer of 2021, to new data and operating systems utilized by the Illinois Department of Financial and Professional Regulation ("Department"), and the Department's determination that certain licensees did not or may not have received notices and instructions concerning the required renewal via electronic mail ("e-mail") during this period.

The purpose of this Variance is to ensure that Cosmetologists and Estheticians whose registrations would otherwise expire on September 30, 2021 do not experience an expired or lapsed registration, and are not required to take additional steps or pay additional fees to restore the registration, prior to December 31, 2021.

This Variance is in no way intended to waive or modify any other statute, rule, or regulation concerning the registration of Cosmetologists and Estheticians nor to extend the active registration period beyond the expiration date for licensees otherwise required to be renewed by September 30, 2021. Licenses renewed through December 31, 2021, during the extended renewal period granted by this Variance, shall expire at the end of the ordinary renewal period designated by the relevant regulation applicable to the profession.

I have determined that the provision from which this Variance is granted is not statutorily mandated; no party will be injured by the granting of this Variance; and the rules from which this Variance is granted would, in this particular case, be unreasonable.

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL AND PROFESSIONAL REGULATION of the State of Illinois, Mario Treto, Jr., ACTING SECRETARY, by

Acting Director Cecilia Abundis

Division of Professional Regulation

<u>September 1, 2021</u>

Date